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AFP RECEIVES CALL ON DOZIER KIDNAPPING; THREATS AGAINST U.S. ENVOY

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(EXCERPT) BEIRUT, 25 DEC (AFP)--AN ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLER TO AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE ASSERTED HERE TODAY THAT THE "BRIGADES OF IMAM SADR," THE SPIRITUAL LEADER OF LEBANON'S SHI'ITE MOSLEM COMMUNITY, MISSING SINCE 1979, WERE IN NO WAY INVOLVED IN THE KIDNAPPING OF AMERICAN GENERAL JAMES DOZIER IN ITALY ON DECEMBER 17.

ACCORDING TO THE CALLER, A PHONE CALL YESTERDAY (AS RECEIVED) TO THE ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY ANSA HERE, PURPORTEDLY FROM THE ITALIAN RED BRIGADES AND SAYING GEN DOZIER WAS DEAD. HAD UNFAIRLY IMPLICATED THE IMAM SADR BRIGADES.

THE CALLER TODAY ALSO "ADVISED" THE AMERICAN AND ITALIAN AMBASSADORS IN BEIRUT TO LEAVE LEBANON IMMEDIATELY LEST THEY BE KILLED AS WAS FRENCH AMBASSADOR LOUIS DELAMARE HERE LAST SEPTEMBER 4.

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